

# Join the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center team as a DOI/VISTA Volunteer!

Accepting Applications 11/20/2015-12/14/2015
Program Start/End Dates: 2/8/2016-2/7/2017

The BLM Campbell Creek Science Center is looking for a motivated, skilled individual to help expand our reach to underserved audiences—both in Anchorage and in rural Alaskan communities—through the DOI/VISTA program.\*

The DOI/VISTA position lasts for one full year. During that time the DOI/VISTA volunteer will work full-time in a dynamic, fast-paced atmosphere with a team of dedicated professionals who share a passion for education, the outdoors, and the mission of BLM. More specifically, the VISTA volunteer will:

- Write grant proposals to secure scholarship dollars for Title 1 schools to help offset the fees to attend the Science Center.
- Write grant proposals to secure funding for bus transportation so underserved audiences can attend programming at the Campbell Creek Science Center.
- Raise funds for winter clothing and outdoor gear for economically disadvantaged youth to better enjoy the outdoor experience at the Science Center.
- Coordinate and secure funding for training for instructor staff to better serve lowincome and at-risk populations.
- Expand the capacity of the Friends of the Campbell Creek Science Center to support statewide initiatives through board development training, strategic visioning, membership development, communications, and effective fundraising techniques. To facilitate this process, the volunteer would coordinate with The Foraker Group, a local nonprofit that helps other nonprofits achieve more efficient and effective longterm operations.

 Develop educational partnerships with Native corporations, local school districts, Girl Scouts of Alaska, Campfire USA, and other groups to strengthen delivery of science education to rural Alaska.

#### **Benefits:**

The DOI/VISTA will enjoy a variety of benefits. Please see the attached Vista Compensation Summary document for a listing of these benefits.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Must be a US Citizen, National, or Lawful Permanent Resident.
- Must reside in Anchorage, Alaska (or its commuting area).
- Must have received at least a Bachelor's Degree.
- Must submit to a Criminal Background Screening.
- Must demonstrate a commitment to community service.

Please note: This is a 40-hour a week position.

### To Apply:

- 1. All applicants must complete an AmeriCorps application and submit it to the DOI/VISTA Team at the following link:
  - https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=58060
- 2. Additionally applicants should send a) a one page resume and b) a 3-5 page nonfiction writing sample directly to Jeff Brune at the BLM Campbell Creek Science Center (jbrune@blm.gov).

## Application Deadline is 12/14/2015.



<sup>\*</sup> The DOI/VISTA Team is an innovative partnership between the Department of the Interior (DOI), and VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America). Focusing on the systemic causes of poverty in underserved communities, VISTAs commit to one year of full-time service as they address specific issues that propel the cycle of poverty in the communities they serve.

DOI/VISTAs build the organizational capacity of organizations that utilize public lands to alleviate long-term systemic poverty in one of three focus areas: environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, or healthy futures. Serving Nationally, The DOI/VISTA Team places VISTAs with nonprofits that work on public lands and resources like National Parks and Wildlife Refuges to create and expand efforts to serve impoverished communities.